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FAIR AND WARM HOUR

UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS EPISODE #285

WMAZ BLUE

11:30 - 12:30 NOON

JUNE 28, 1940

FRIDAY



1. ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers"

2. MUSIC: Ranger Song.

3. ANNOUNCER: It's bad luck when forests are fired and burned --  
4. mighty bad luck indeed. And the bad luck isn't just a  
5. temporary spasm -- it drags out for years on end. The mere burning  
6. of the trees themselves isn't the only thing...it's the contributions  
7. of trees to our everyday living and the effect of trees on our very  
8. existence. When the woods are fired it isn't only the trees that  
9. are burned -- it's the roof over our heads, the clothes on our backs,  
10. the food in our mouths. It isn't only the great trunks and the green  
11. branches the flames destroy -- it's our jobs, our means of livelihood,  
12. and it's our escape from the world, our place of peace and quiet and  
13. rest and recreation and inspiration. It isn't only the forest that's  
14. burned; it's the song of the bird, the smell of the flowers, and feel  
15. of the soil. It's all these things and a thousand others that we  
16. vitally need and continually crave that the trees represent -- that are  
17. burned. So let's remember whenever we approach or go into the woods to  
18. be just as careful with fire in the forest as if we were in our own  
19. home. And let's tell others to be careful too. In many part of the  
20. country this is the beginning of a dangerous forest fire season and  
21. no one can afford to take any chances with fire in the forest. (MORE)





1. ANNOUNCER: (CONTINUED)

2. Out on the Pine Cone National Forest the fire season  
3. has already got under way. With the woods drying out, and more and  
4. more vacationists coming to camp and fish in the forest everyday,  
5. Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant Ranger Jerry Quick have been hard  
6. at work organizing fire crews and making last minute preparations for  
7. whatever emergencies the summer season may bring. Here's Jim and Jerry  
8. now driving along the Winding Creek road in their Forest Service  
9. pickup bound for the CCC camp.

10. SOUND OF PICKUP IN MOTION BACK

11. JIM: Look at that grass up there on that hillside, Jerry.  
12. It's turning brown already.

13. JERRY: Yeah, it sure looks bad, Jim. I bet we're in for  
14. plenty of trouble this year.

15. JIM: (GRIM CHUCKLE) Well it won't be the first time, Jerry.  
16. Trouble's our middle name every summer.

17. JERRY: That's right and every time I think of it it makes me  
18. so all-fired mad I can't even see straight.

19. JIM: You don't like to fight fire, huh?

20. JERRY: Naw. It isn't that. I can hold up my end of the  
21. firefightin' all right. But what gets me is that we  
22. have to spend all our time on firefightin' and don't  
23. have time for anything else. It don't make sense.

24. JIM: Well you can't have forests if you don't keep the fires  
25. out of 'em, Jerry.





1. JERRY: That's just what I'm sayin', dawgonit. We spend all  
2. our time fightin' fires that are already started in the  
3. forest. And there's no sense in those fires ever  
4. gettin' started.

5. JIM: That's true, but it's a long fight, Jerry. I guess you  
6. can't teach people to be careful or convince 'em that  
7. they've got to be careful with fire just over night.

8. JERRY: Yeah, but we been trying to teach 'em and convince 'em  
9. for thirty years or more already. How long do you  
10. think we're goin' to have to keep at 'em? When are  
11. they ever gonna learn? Dawgonit, whenever I think of

12. it it just gets me all hopped up. Here we go and build  
13. up a big firefighting machine and spend millions of  
14. dollars every year putting out fires and the people  
15. that pay us to put 'em out keep right on settin' 'em.

16. Makes just about as much sense as a hound dog chasin'  
17. the end of his tail -- and gets us just about as far.

18. JIM: Well there's no use to get worked up or excited, Jerry.  
19. The best we can do is to just keep pluggin'.





1. JERRY: Well if you ask me people don't wanta save their  
2. forests. They don't understand or appreciate the  
3. value of the forests enough to even give a hoot about  
4. fire protection.  
5. JIM: I don't think it's quite that bad, Jerry. A lot of  
6. people appreciate the value of the forests.  
7. JERRY: Yeah, but a lot more of 'em are just plain ignorant  
8. about protecting forests.  
9. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Say, you really are kinda worked up this  
10. morning. You better slow down and not take these  
11. curves so (BREAKS OFF) Whoa, Jerry, whoa! Lookout!  
12. SOUND OF BRAKES SCREAMING, TIRES SLIDING AND MOTOR BUCKING  
13. SPASMODICALLY TO STOP.  
14. JIM: Hmm. Boy. You almost cracked us up that time, son.  
15. JERRY: Wait'll I tell that guy! Parked right in the middle of  
16. the road on a curve!  
17. JIM: Wait a minute, Jerry. Take it easy now. You were  
18. traveling pretty fast.  
19. JERRY: Well by jiminy, he didn't have any right stoppin' there.  
20. JIM: It isn't a he. It's a couple of girls.  
21. JERRY: Don't make any difference. They haven't any business  
22. stoppin' there. (SOUND OF CAR DOOR SLAMMING) I'll tell  
23. 'em where to head in at: (RAISES VOICE) Hey, you -  
24. what's the idea -- stopping your car there in the  
25. middle of the road like that.





1. SUE: (CITY GIRL, YOUNG, KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS) (CALMLY)  
2. Now just keep your shirt on, Handsome! We didn't park  
3. there on purpose. Our car stalled and there wasn't  
4. anything we could do about it.  
5. JERRY: The deuce you couldn't. You could've let it roll back  
6. down hill and off to the side of the road, couldn't  
7. you?  
8. ANN: (SAME TYPE AS SUE) Sure. And then you'd 've smacked  
9. right into us. Why don't you learn how to drive?  
10. JIM: It was just as much your fault as it was theirs, Jerry.  
11. Nobody's hurt and no damage done so there's no use to  
12. argue about it.  
13. SUE: Say, are you fellas forest rangers.  
14. JIM: (FRIENDLY) Yep. I guess we'll have to plead guilty.  
15. My name's Jim Robbins and this is Jerry Quick.  
16. SUE: Well they sure hurried up the answer to a maiden's  
17. prayer that time, Ann. We were just wishin' for a  
18. forest ranger not two minutes ago and here a couple of  
19. 'em almost run into us.  
20. ANN: Yeh. We're stuck, rangers. Arabella got up this far  
21. and just wouldn't go no farther.  
22. JERRY: Arabella?  
23. SUE: Sure, Handsome. Arabella's our car. She don't look  
24. like much but she brought us all the way out here from  
25. New York.  
ANN: I'll say. Arabella runs fine when she runs. But right  
now she refuses to run.





1. SUE: Do you think you can fix it, Handsome?

2. JERRY: I won't fix anything if you don't cut out that business

3. of callin' me Handsome. What's the matter with the old

4. wreck anyhow?

5. SOUND OF HOOD BEING LIFTED WITH CONSIDERABLE CLATTER.

6. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Jerry's a little bit touchy this morning,

7. ladies, but he's a good mechanic. I think he'll be

8. able to fix it up all right. (SUDDENLY) Whoa.

9. Watch that cigarette butt, young lady. You're in a

10. national forest now and flipping a cigarette butt

11. out in the brush like that is just what it takes to

12. set these woods on fire. And you don't want to be

13. burned up, do you?

14. ANN: Gee, no, ranger, I'll get it. ... I didn't think....

15. SUE: We sure don't want to burn up the woods. We think

16. they're swell.

17. ANN: I'll say. That's why Sue and me came out here -- to be

18. in the woods and get away from the city. We're going to

19. get a job waitin' on table or something out here

20. somewhere and stay here, see? We don't want to make

21. any trouble.

22. JIM: Well, keep your matches and cigarette butts where they

23. can't do any damage, then. Things are gettin' mighty dry

24. out here this time of year and once they get started

25. these woods burn like tinder.

JERRY: I guess there's your car trouble, folks. The battery

cable's slipped off the battery. Now one of you get in

there and step on the starter.



1. SUE: I'll do it, Ann. (SOUND OF GETTING IN CAR) Are you  
2. ready?

3. JERRY: Yeh. Go ahead and try to start it.

4. SOUND OF STARTER TURNING OVER AND CAR STARTING.

5. SUE: (SHOUTS OVER MOTOR) There she goes!.....Gee Handsome,  
6. that's swell.

7. MOTOR IDLE DOWN

8. ANN: Are we on the right road to the Martin dude ranch? It  
9. seems like we've come an awful long ways without  
10. getting there.

11. JIM: You're on the right road all right but you've still  
12. got about ten miles to go.

13. SUE: Well, thanks a million for fixin' our car.

14. ANN: Yeah. And don't worry about us starting any forest  
15. fires, mister. We'll remember what you said about that.

16. SOUND OF CAR DOOR SLAMMING AND MOTOR CLATTERING UP.

17. SUE: (OVER MOTOR GOING OFF) So long, Handsome!

18. JERRY: Aw lay off.

19. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Seems like the young lady kinda got under  
20. your hide, Jerry... Hmmm, that's quite an outfit.

21. JERRY: Yeah, it's just the kind of an outfit that makes us all  
22. our trouble. Couple of smart-alecky city girls. You  
23. saw what they were doin' with their cigarettes.

24. JIM: Well I told them about that. And one good turn deserves  
25. another. Maybe they won't forget about it, seeing as  
we got their car started for 'em.





JERRY: Huh. I can see a couple a New York beauty queens like that paying any attention to waht we tell 'em... Come on, let's get out of here. We're more'n half an hour late to that fire training meeting up at camp as it is.

SOUND OF CAR DOOR SLAMMING, MOTOR STARTING AND CAR GOING OFF.

MUSIC UP AND OUT:

SOUND OF CAR PULLING TO A STOP MOTOR OFF.

JIM: Well, we made it, Jerry.

JERRY: Yeh. Half an hour late but here we are.

JIM: There's Dave and the boys over there by the tool house. Looks like Dave's givin' 'em lecture on the use of the Pulaski tool.

SOUND OF SIREN.

JERRY: Wow. What's that? Is that part of the program?

JIM: If it is I haven' heard anything about it. Come on, let's find out. Maybe it's the real thing.

SOUND OF RUNNING WITH SHOUTING IN BACKGROUND.

JERRY: (SHOUTS SLIGHTLY OFF) Hey Dave, what's the siren for? Get-away practice or something?

DAVE: No, sir, it's the real thing, Jerry. I'll have the dope on where the fire is in just a minute, Jim.

SOUND OF POWERFUL TRUCK STARTING AND SECOND SIREN SOUNDING.

JIM: See that the boys get loaded in the truck all right, Jerry.

SOUND OF SHOUTING AND SCRAMBLING INTO TRUCK

JERRY: (SHOUTING) Everybody sit down and keep seated. Don't push there at the endgate.





1. DAVE: (SHOUTING) ( SLIGHTLY OFF) Fire's up by Martin's ranch,  
2. Jim.

3. JIM: (SHOUTING) (SLIGHTLY OFF) Okay Dave. You go with the  
4. boys and Jerry and I'll go ahead with the pickup. Come  
5. on, Jerry.

6. JERRY: Okay Jim. Pile in.

7. SOUND OF CAR DOOR SLAMMING, MOTOR STARTING AND CAR PULLING OUT AT  
8. HIGH SPEED. FIRE TRUCK MOTOR IN BACKGROUND ALSO GETTING  
9. UNDER WAY WITH SIREN.

10. JERRY: I told you those smart-aleck New York girls would make  
11. us some trouble, Jim. Fire up there by Martin's ranch  
12. will be one of their cigarette fires sure as you're born.

13. MOTOR AND SIREN MONTAGE UP AND FADE.

14. MUSIC UP AND OUT

15. SOUND OF CAR TRAVELING AT HIGH SPEED

16. JIM: There's the fire, Jerry.

17. JERRY: Yeah, there it is... Hey, look, there's that old busted  
18. down car we worked on this morning parked right up there  
19. on the road. Didn't I tell you?

20. JIM: Yep... The fire seems to be quite a ways down from the  
21. road, close to the creek. Pull up along here, Jerry.  
22. We can cut right down to the creek from here.

23. SOUND OF CAR COMING TO QUICK STOP.

24. JERRY: We oughta keep on the lookout for those crazy women,  
25. Jim. Their car's still here so they can't be so far  
away.



1. JIM: Better tend to that fire first.

2. JERRY: Okay. I got the back pump and a Pulaski tool.

3. JIM: Yep, I'll bring a shovel and axe.

4. SOUND OF TOOLS BANGING FOLLOWED BY RUNNING THROUGH BRUSH.

5. JERRY: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Somebody's down there already, Jim.

6. JIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Somebody's down there already, Jim.

7. JIM: (BREATHLESS COMING UP) Yeah, I see 'em, Jerry. It's

8. those two girls.

9. JERRY: By George, it is for a fact! Look at 'em -- fightin' the

10. fire with sticks.

11. JIM: (SHOUTS) (SLIGHTLY OFF) Stay with it, girls. You're

12. doing fine.

13. JERRY: Say, they sure are going after it...Look, I'll take

14. that hot spot over on the other side, Jim.

15. SOUND OF FLAMES CRACKLING, SIREN FADING IN IN DISTANCE.

16. JIM: All right. (CALLS) Keep out from in front of it, you

17. girls. (FADING) There's plenty of help on the way....

18. SHORT MUSIC UP AND OUT

19. VOICES FAINTLY IN BACKGROUND.

20. ANN: I'm sure glad those Rangers and CC boys came along, Sue.

21. We couldn't have stopped it.

22. SUE: Nope. Phew. (LAUGHS) You ought to see yourself, baby.

23. You look like you've been in a subway rush.

24. ANN: Huh. I don't look any worse than you do. You'll sure

25. make a hit with that good looking young ranger now.





1. SUE: Shh. Here he comes. And the old one too.

2. JERRY: (OFF) There they ware, Jim. Up here sittin' on a log.

3. SLIGHT PAUSE

4. SUE: Well Handsome, you don't need to stand there and grin

5. like a half-baked baboon. What's so funny?

6. ANN: If you could see yourself, honey, with all that black

7. smudge on your face -- you'd feel like laughing too.

8. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Don't worry about that, ladies. We sure

9. appreciate the help you gave us on this fire.

10. JERRY: Yeah, you sure can take it; and I'll have to admit you're

11. pretty good firefighters too.

12. ANN: Well, we couldn't do much with nothing but sticks and a

13. drinking cup.

14. JIM: No, but you did keep it from spreading too fast...

15. Suppose you tell us just what happened.

16. SUE: Well, we saw smoke down here from the road, and we

17. remembered about what you said about fire so we

18. thought we ought to stop and see about it. It was

19. spreading from that campfire somebody left down there...

20. Ann found this hat... a man's hat, see? ... Hanging on

21. a tree down there near the campfire.

22. JIM: Say, that might help us a lot in locating the party

23. responsible.

24. SUE: Gee, I hope so .... Anyway, we went after the fire as

25. best we could, but.....





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2. SUE: Did we? Gee, thanks, Handsome.....
3. JERRY: (LAUGHING) Look, do you have to call me that?
4. MUSIC: Finale
5. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers come to you each Friday in
6. the National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of
7. the National Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation
8. of the Forest Service, United States Department of
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